

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 5-9 and 12-33 are presently pending in this application, Claim 18 having been amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 18 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter not enabling to one skilled in the relevant art; and Claims 5-9 and 12-17, 19, 20 and 22-33 were indicated as allowed.

First, Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that Claims 5-9 and 12-17, 19, 20 and 22-33 include allowable subject matter. Regarding the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, Claim 18 has been amended to remove the noted language, the folding means, and it is respectfully submit that Claim 21 finds support in the specification, page 8, paragraph 0040, to page 9, paragraph 0044, as well as Figures 1 and 6. Specifically, the specification describes that the carrier film 1A is cut to a unit carrier film portion bearing a pair of photoimageable resist layer portions 2b (*i.e.*, photoimageable resist layer bearing film portion 1a) and that such a photoimageable resist layer bearing film portion 1a is folded in two such that the pair of photoimageable resist layer portions 2b sandwich a PCB 4 and tacked. As such, it is respectfully submitted that without undue experimentation, the specification enables any person skilled in the art to make and use the subject matter recited in Claim 21. Therefore, Claims 18 and 21 are believed to be in compliance with the requirement of the statute and allowable along with the other pending claims.

In view of the amendments and in light of the prior indication of the allowable subject matter, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. If, however, the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing amendments, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned who will be happy to work in a joint effort to resolve any remaining issues and expedite the prosecution of this application. Applicants respectfully request an early and favorable action to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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